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Dear Dan,

This is some of my special stationery. I've been using the clear sides of paper since the 1973 energy crisis, when I learned that aside from trees making paper uses vast amounts of energy. And with my time mostly reading and correcting rather than writing now it is accumulating. Except when I'd used it all up all my writing for 23 years has been on this second-hand paper.

Yesterday Marina was on the Oprah Winfrey show. Without doubt she was sincere in believing ^{that} it might perhaps improve the image of Oswald and the name for her daughters but it was pathetic in fact if not to most of the audience. It was a plug for the commercialization and exploitation of those subjects ^{the} matter Ignbram-uses, the La Fontaines, who are really disgusting. Their book assumes Oswald's guilt in the assassination and on that basis alone Marina should have had nothing to do with it. It ^gphinies up a weak, almost non-existing case of Oswald as a police snitch on a gun deal that needed none and had none and Oswald is said to have said ^{what} ~~that~~ means that he and Ruby were associated in a conspiracy and thus Ruby killed him. None of this stacks but the audience would not know that. It is also fiction, all made up

I did not know what she would be doing on the show but I did know that once before, I think on "Hard Copy, she had plugged the book. I wrote her then as I had some time ago, that she ought check anything she might be endorsing out first. She ^o knows she could call me. I guess she is so anxious to do what she'll like to have done she did not think to check those sensation-seekers and exploiters out.

You are getting a remarkable break. That trip down the Nile must have been really impressive. Especially if you saw no dead carcasses in the water, as friends of mine have. The water that is drunk there.

What you say about Cairo is what I've heard from others. Save you do not mention its size, its population. Big they all said.

I've been troubled that Marina is destroying ^o her credibility and I've wondered if I should write her again. or if that would be taken the wrong way. She is in all of this assisting the disinformationists and confusing the people even more if they believe a word of it. Too bad because she has done remarkably well with all the odds against it to have raised those two girls to be productive members of society. ...Lil is calling me to lunch. Enjoy and learn all you can. NBC is giving you a real break! Appreciate it and make the most of it. Best,

Hardy

Dear Harold and Lil,

Thank you so much for your last letter! I know how busy you are, and to take time out to write me a few lines means a great deal. I so much enjoy hearing from you, so please... if you have time keep me posted on the goings on back home. Things seem to be going well in Maryland... you sounded wonderful when we last spoke. Israel is still Israel - so much to see and learn. My wife and daughter and I just got back from Cairo, Egypt. We spent 4 days going through the pyramids and admiring the Sphinx. On our first night the three of us floated down the Nile on a Flakucca boat. It's simply a large boat made for big groups... nothing special, but still quite fun. We visited the Cairo museum and saw the artifacts from King Tut. Very impressive. The city itself was very third-world - dirty, noisy and very cheap. Things in Tel Aviv are so expensive, so it was nice to buy things with low price tags. Cairo is such an exciting city, but I don't think I could live there. News here is slow... no complaints on my end! Well, I just wanted to drop a few lines your way and let you know how I'm doing. Take care, God bless and I'll talk with you soon!

Sincerely,
Alan